

Notice of Rulemaking Hearing

Tennessee Department of Health
Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation
Division of Emergency Medical Services

There will be a hearing before the Division of Emergency Medical Services to consider the promulgation of amendments of rules pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 68-140-504, 68-140-506, 68-140-508, and 68-140-517. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Magnolia Room of the Cordell Hull Building, Ground Floor, located at 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee at 10:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, on September 18, 2003.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings or review these filings should contact the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date or the date the party plans to review such filings, to allow time for the Division of Emergency Medical Services to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the department's ADA coordinator at the Andrew Johnson Tower, 11th Floor, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243-0675, 615-741-6350.

For a copy of the entire text of the notice of rulemaking, contact Joseph B. Phillips, Director, Division of Emergency Medical Services, Cordell Hull Building, First Floor, 425 Fifth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37247-0701, 615-741-2584.

Substance of Proposed Rules

New Rules

Rule 1200-12-3 Response Agencies for Cardiac Emergencies

- (1) A county, local government or emergency communications district shall coordinate the response of public safety agencies in its jurisdiction for the purpose of deploying automated external defibrillators to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Such programs shall be coordinated as a part of the emergency medical services system by the local dispatch entity in addition to the dispatch of ambulances and emergency medical first responders. Each emergency services agency that responds when dispatched to cardiac emergencies shall:
 - (a) Be a state-chartered or legally recognized organization or service sanctioned to perform emergency management, public safety, fire fighting, rescue, ambulance, or medical and health care functions and which provides services twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
 - (b) Provide a responding vehicle equipped with an automated external defibrillator that is appropriately supplied and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's standards and in compliance with the provisions of T.C.A Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 7. Such vehicles may display placards or markings indicating that the vehicle is equipped with an automated external defibrillator.
 - (c) Provide two-way radio communications with all public safety personnel who may respond to such incidents as part of the coordinated community response.
 - (d) Include on each response team a person who has completed an approved course of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, as recognized by the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board, or who is certified as an Emergency

Medical First Responder, or licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician, EMT- Paramedic, Physician or Registered Nurse in Tennessee.

- (e) Maintain medical control of the response program under the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Tennessee.
- (2) Each participating entity shall develop and maintain a memorandum of understanding or agreement of coordination within the service area with the primary provider of emergency ambulance services and all responding agencies. Such agreement shall include a roster of response personnel participating in the program, and it shall provide policies and procedures for the following:
- (a) Identification of vehicles to be operated in the program, including unit identifiers and the area in which vehicles will be operated;
 - (b) Restricting the use and dispatch of the participating entity to those emergencies which are reasonably believed to involve sudden cardiac arrests, and ensuring that the participating entity will be the service area's primary responder in the event of such cardiac emergencies;
 - (c) Radio communications procedures between response vehicles, dispatch agencies, and emergency medical services;
 - (d) Coordination of responsibilities of the individual on-scene responders according to their respective levels of training;
 - (e) Medical direction, protocols and/or standing orders by the authority of the ambulance service medical director;
 - (f) Exchange and recovery of required minimum equipment and supplies and additional items adopted for local use; and,
 - (g) Exchange of patient information, records and reports, and quality assurance procedures.
- (3) Each entity shall assure that the agencies maintain minimum liability coverage for vehicles used for response which are set forth in T.C.A. § 29-20-403.
- (4) Provisions governing a coordinated community response specific to instances involving or reasonably believed to involve sudden cardiac arrest shall in no event violate the terms of rule 1200-12-1-.16, which regulates emergency medical first responders.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-204; 68-140-504, 68-140-506, 68-140-507; 68-140-703, 68-140-704, and 68-140-705.

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I certify this is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Joseph B. Phillips, Director
Emergency Medical Services

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Riley C. Darnell
Secretary Of State

By: _____

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